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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEANDRA MICHELLE SMITH,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:22-mj-642-DJA

**ORDER to Continue the Preliminary
Hearing (Second Request)**

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between Jason M. Frierson, United States Attorney, through Jim W. Fang, Assistant United States Attorney, and Brian Pugh, Assistant Federal Public Defender, counsel for Defendant Deandra Michelle Smith, that the preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter, previously scheduled for February 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued until a time convenient to the Court, but no earlier than 90 days from the current setting.

1. Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 5.1(d) provides that “[w]ith the defendant’s consent and upon a showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time limits [for preliminary hearings] one or more times.” Here, the parties desire to explore the

1 potential to resolve this matter before defendant is formally charged by a criminal
2 indictment.

3 2. In that regard, the government has provided defense counsel with limited
4 discovery in order to facilitate pre-indictment resolution, and the parties are engaged in plea
5 negotiations in an attempt to resolve this matter pre-indictment. The parties need additional
6 time to finalize any agreement, and if such an agreement is reached, the Court will need
7 time to review and consider the agreement. To the extent an agreement cannot be reached,
8 the defense will need additional time to prepare for a possible indictment/trial.

9 3. This continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow defense
10 counsel an opportunity to examine the merits of this case, to prepare for a possible
11 indictment/trial, and to reach a potential resolution between the parties.

12 4. Defendant is not in custody and agrees to the continuance.

13 5. Denial of this request could result in a miscarriage of justice, and the ends of
14 justice served by granting this request outweigh the best interest of the public and the
15 defendants in a speedy trial.

16 6. The additional time requested by this stipulation is excludable in computing
17 the time within which indictment must be filed pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C.
18 § 3161(b), and considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(i) and (iv).

19 DATED this 22nd day of February, 2023.

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23 Counsel for the United States

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FINDINGS AND ORDER

Based on the pending Stipulation between the defense and the government, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds that:

1. The parties desire to continue the preliminary hearing to facilitate pre-indictment resolution, and the government has provided defense counsel with discovery for that purpose. The parties are engaged in plea negotiations in an attempt to resolve this matter pre-indictment, and need additional time to finalize any agreement. If such an agreement is reached, the Court will need time to review and consider the agreement. To the extent an agreement cannot be reached, the defense will need additional time to prepare for a possible indictment/trial. The Court finds good cause to continue the hearing to allow the parties to reach a pre-indictment resolution.

2. Both counsels for defendant and counsel for the government agree to the continuance.

3. Defendant is not in custody and agree to the continuance.

4. The continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow defense counsel an opportunity to examine the merits of this case, to prepare for the preliminary hearing and/or a possible indictment/trial, and to reach a potential resolution between the parties.

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6 § 3161(b), and considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(i) and (iv).

7 THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the preliminary hearing in the
8 above-captioned matter currently scheduled for February 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. be vacated
9 and continued to June 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Courtroom 3A.

10 DATED this 23rd day of February, 2023



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13 HONORABLE DANIEL J. ALBREGTS
14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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